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From: russ cleveland [racleveland@hotmail.com]
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Subject: Zonning concerns from Russ Cleveland

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have some concerns to voice regarding the proposed zoning regulations. My primary concern lies with my right or lack of right to vote regarding the regulations your process is wanting to impose upon my family and property, I realize it might seem much more expedient to just let the commissioners make this decision as the elected officials but I don't think it is the proper way to do this in a democratic society. If you force the issue down our throat by continuing to pursue this route I am sure the legal battle will keep any real progress from happening for many years to come. Lets take the time to do this right even if it takes another five years, it is the only way to go.

I like some aspects of the zoning but disagree with some others. I for example have a 20 acre parcel that we have planned to allow our son build a house on the opposite end of upon returning from his service in the Military. I can understand concerns over big sub divisions in the area and the need to make sure they are only allowed with proper planning. But not allowing my son and his family to live on the same family acreage because we are in a 1 house per 40 acre area is pretty offending. I have been planning this for 17 years since we first moved to the area. Just because my neighbors don't have children where this is a concern for them isn't a good excuse to force it upon me. Just because the people in the current commissioners offices want to protect my area of the county for cows, deer and elk, does not mean that they should be able to force this upon my family. I don't want to put in a 20 lot subdivision. If I could just get permission to build another house on the ground, in a place of my choosing I would be satisfied. Bottom line without giving the local land owners some sort opportunity to give a thumbs up or down on how the proposed zoning impacts their personal property, is less than the democratic process we subscribe to as American citizens.

You have got to add some sort of grandfather clause for current property owners that allow simple deviation from the zoning regs as long as they are not major commercial subdivisions or something like that. For example if my neighbors and I decide we want to divide out property into 5 acre parcels and use the money gained for financial security when we retire your zoning regulations need to allow for that because we owned the property before your rules came into play. The follow on owners would have to live by what ever zoning rules were in place when they became owners themselves.

Please let me vote! Please let my family live and build on land that I already own. Please allow reasonable subdivision or larger parcels one time for existing owners. Future owners live by the rules at the time they buy. Thanks for listening.

Any questions can be given by e-mail or contact me directly on my cell phone 529-2072. I apologize for not getting comments in earlier. Turns out the CPC meeting at Lone Rock have been the same nights as our school board meeting which I serve on so I have just been able to read the literature provided and talk with a few neighbors.

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